

MAIN ROADS AMENDMENT BILL 2023

**836. Hon BEN DAWKINS to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:**

I refer the minister to the Main Roads Amendment Bill 2023.

- (1) Is the minister aware that there is already a minister known as the Minister for Lands who has the power to deal with crown land?
- (2) Is the minister aware that there is already a government agency known as DevelopmentWA that has the power to develop land on behalf of the state of Western Australia?
- (3) Is the minister concerned about public roads being used for private commercial purposes and Main Roads Western Australia resuming land for private commercial purposes?
- (4) Is the minister aware that clause 40 of the Main Roads Amendment Bill proposes to insert a new section 33(l)(f), which proposes a new tax on heavy vehicles?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I note that one of those questions asked for an opinion, but I will provide the answer that was given to me by the minister.

- (1)–(3) The minister is aware of existing powers and responsibilities of other ministers and government agencies. Main Roads Western Australia is best placed to administer the road reserve and road-related infrastructure. Main Roads will continue to work closely with other government agencies as it has always done.
- (4) This is a formalisation of the bulk commodities road maintenance contribution scheme, which has been in place for a number of years, and ensures users who receive concessional loading benefits pay for the maintenance required for the additional wear and tear caused.